(b) the province, the colony, state or country where they are living; and

(c) whether any enquiry is made by this Government with regard to the condition of their wages and life?

A.—(a) & (b) As the hon. Member is aware "Emigration" and "Inter-provincial migration" are central subjects.

Under the Indian Emigration Act, VII of 1922, emigration is now lawful only to Ceylon and Malaya. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Emigration and Immigration Report, 1927, which has been placed on the Editors' table in G.O. No. 1261 L., dated 8th May 1928, from which it will be seen that the total number of emigrants to these countries during the year 1927 was 220,700. Migration to other provinces and states within India except to Assam is not controlled by any law. Recruitment to the labour districts in Assam is made in accordance with the provisions of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act, VI of 1901. The total number of persons recruited for the labour districts in Assam for the year ended 30th June 1928 was 8,211.

(c) No. The condition of life and wages, etc., are explained to the labourers before they are recruited.

Labour

Employment of students trained in the Perambur Industrial Institute.

*1657 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state with reference to answer to question No. 240 answered on 8th September 1928—

(a) the number of boys that left the Perambur Industrial school;

(b) how many of them are now employed;

(c) whether the Commissioner of Labour has submitted the proposals referred to in answer to the above question; and

(d) what these proposals are?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Annual Reports on the working of the Perambur Industrial School which have been placed on the Editors' Table.

(b) Of the 18 boys who were employed in firms in Madras and referred to in answer to question No. 240 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council of 8th September 1928 four have since absconded. The Government have no further information on the point.

(c) & (d) Yes; on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Labour the Government have sanctioned the abolition of the Industrial school as the results of its working were not satisfactory and have approved of the conversion of the premises into a hostel for industrial students or apprentices belonging to the depressed classes.